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Summer construction projects will change the look of Cal Poly

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This summer marks a period of transition for the Cal Poly campus, with several highly anticipated large-scale construction projects slated to start immediately after finals week.

The Recreation Center expansion is a large, invasive project. With a budget of \$71 million, it is a massive venture and construction is not predicted to be complete until June of 2012.

While actual construction will begin next fall, the temporary facility will be created this summer. The main gym will be closed from June 15 until Sept. 14. During this time it will be retrofitted to house the 10,000 square foot temporary facility. The entire Recreation Center will be shut down between Aug. 25 and Sept. 14 in order for all of the equipment to be moved into the

temporary facility.

In addition, the University Union Plaza is being completely re-designed and the first phase of construction will begin on June 15 as well. University Union Advisory Board chair Carl Payne does not anticipate the entire plaza being finished until spring of 2010, but plans to have the bottom section of the plaza near Metro 19 finished by the time WOW starts.

The new plaza will be an improved space for students to congregate. The circular-shaped area will be more open and symmetrical than the current plaza. Some of the clunky stone steps will be removed and grassy areas will be implemented.

"We view the union and the plaza as an essential hub on campus," Payne said. "We have a huge population that move in and out of the space, so we're trying to look to

them and then make changes accordingly and make it a more inviting space, with a softer feel."

The UU plaza will be closed off during construction but there will still be access to all businesses, including Starbucks Coffee, El Corral Bookstore and Backstage Pizza. Business hours will not change. All of the second-floor balconies will not be affected and temporary walkways will be placed throughout the plaza.

Associated Students Inc. is trying to mitigate construction-related issues for both the expanded Recreation Center and the improved UU plaza, but realizes that construction can be frustrating and stressful for students.

"We at ASI understand it's going to be difficult," Payne said. "There's always going to be some noise issues that will happen with construction. It will be an inconvenience for a period of time but we really hope (the students) understand and put up with the construction because we feel like the end product will benefit the campus both aesthetically and functionally for the students."

"We are trying our best to educate the students and the campus community as to why we're doing it and how the timing worked out," Payne said. "We're trying to make sure the students understand that this is a student-driven project."

One area of concern is how the UU construction is going to affect UU Hour and the ASI concert series, which takes place on Thursdays at 11 a.m. According to Payne, the concerts will be scaled back but still take place in the Via Carta Mall, near Campus Market. Space in this area will also be reserved for club booths and sandwich boards.

ASI expects the new synthetic turf fields to be in use by July 1. These improved fields are replacing the three upper fields used for intramural sports, which were hard to maintain and caused numerous event cancellations due to poor playability.

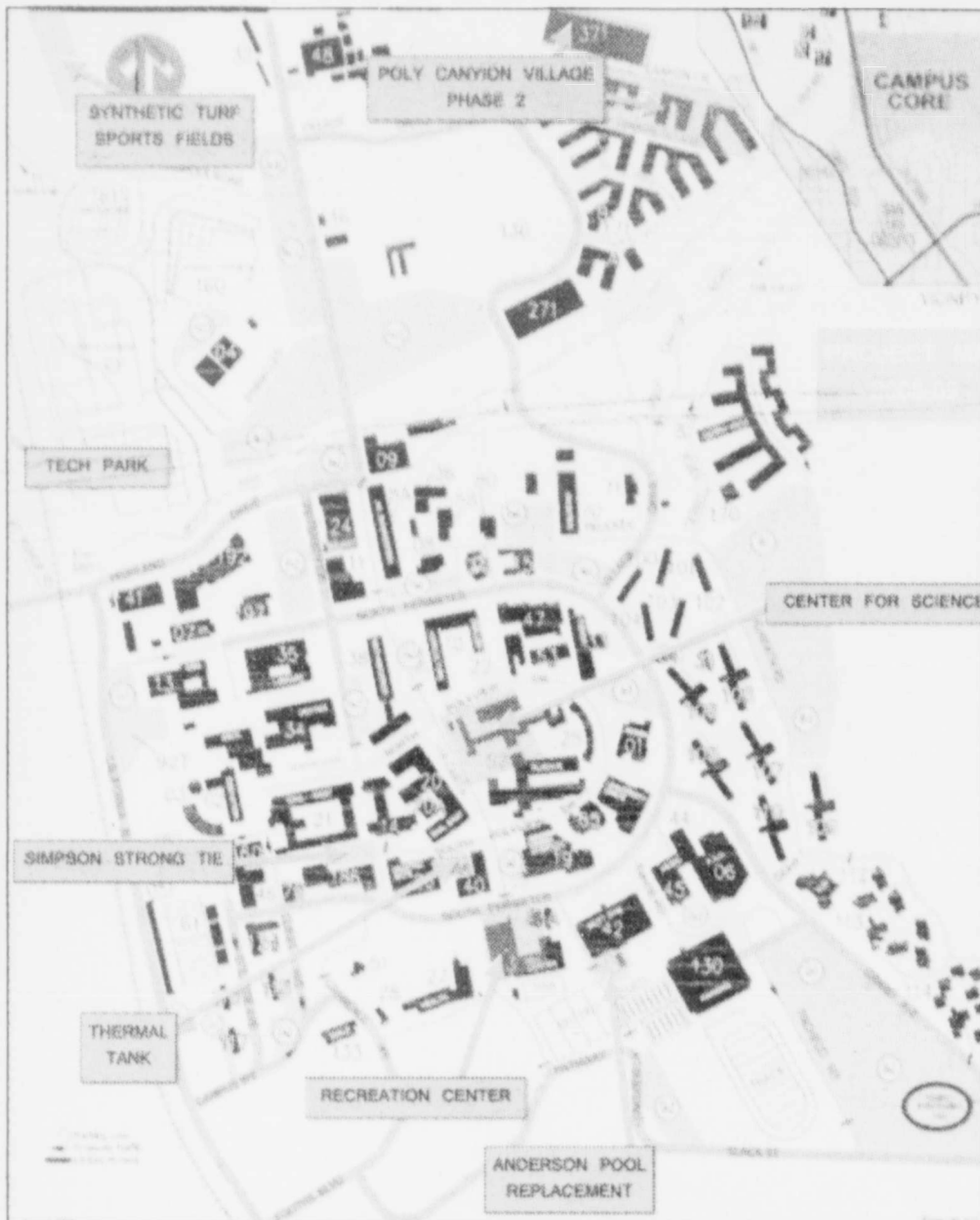
ASI-driven projects account for only a portion of the construction happening on campus this summer. Phase two of the Poly Canyon Village construction will wrap up soon, completing the enormous 30-acre student housing project, which will provide 618 furnished rooms to 2700 continuing students.

According to Johan Uyttewaal, associate director of building design and construction at Cal Poly, The Anderson Pool is expected to be completed this June. The new stainless steel pool, located right outside Mott Gym, will have 19 lanes, 25-yards in length and eight 50-yard lanes. A 15 to 30 foot therapy pool is being installed as well.

Construction on the Sampson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Laboratory will begin this August. Construction Management students will use this laboratory, located right behind the newly completed Construction Innovation Center. It is expected to be completed by July 2010.

The \$124 million replacement of the Spider Building was supposed to begin this spring but is currently on hold pending budget release from the state, according to Uyttewaal.

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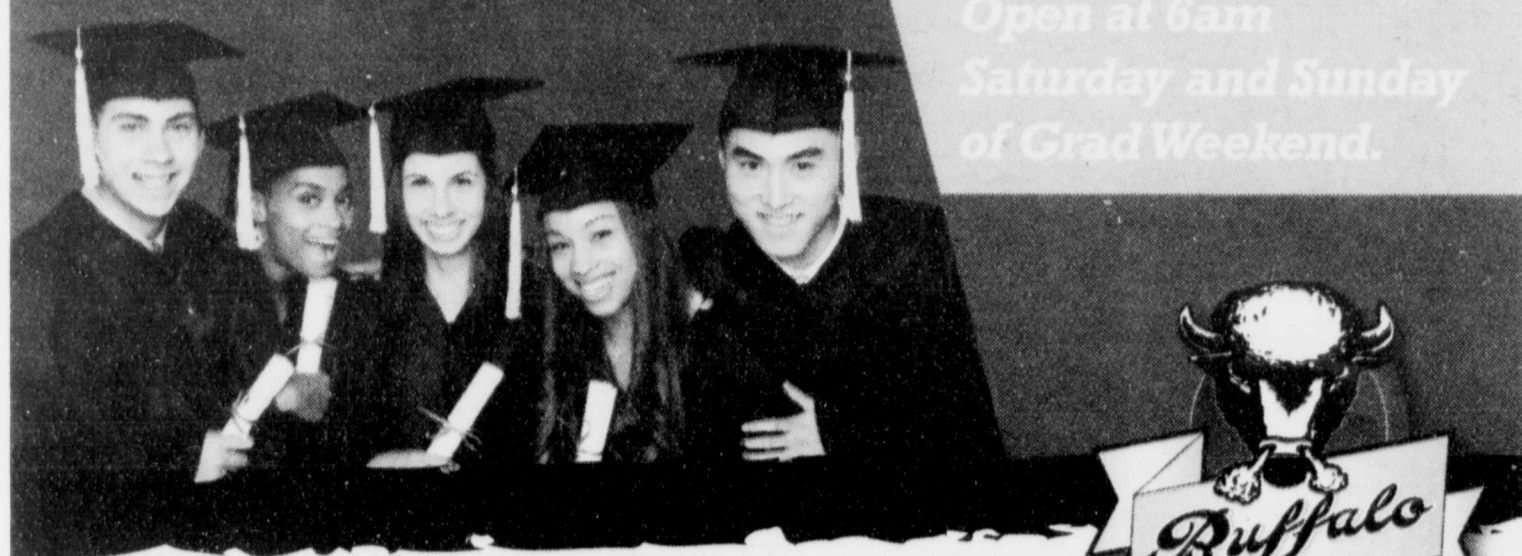
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Flexibility, patience key for graduates' job search

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There's one thing Cal Poly graduates will want to keep in mind while hunting for their dream job this summer: be flexible. Chances are you won't find one right away.

In the midst of a harsh job market, Cal Poly career counselor Carole Moore advises students to match their skills with industries that are flourishing now, instead of forcing the issue in an industry that they've had their hearts set on.

"This isn't a doom and gloom situation," Moore said. "There are still needs out there, it's just a time when you need to be more flexible."

Although some job markets are bogged down and have little work available, there are others that are having trouble filling positions. According to CNBC's list of the 10 hardest jobs to fill in the United States, engineering positions rank No. 1. That bodes well for Cal Poly's staple major: engineering, which accounts for more

than a quarter of Cal Poly's student population.

Other industries that have been less impacted by the failing economy include healthcare, nonprofit organizations, federal government and "green" industries. Accounting and finance positions are also widely available, due to lack of students majoring in this field, according to CNBC.

Whatever industries graduating Cal Poly students plan on heading into, if they haven't already secured jobs in them, they need to be aware that jobs are limited and companies are hiring at a slower pace than usual. This means that students need to cast a wider net and take opportunities seriously, Moore advised.

On the Cal Poly campus, career fairs and recruitments have seen a dramatic decrease of activity. This school year there were 544 employers recruiting on campus, which is a dramatic drop from the 756 visiting a year before. The Job Fair that Cal Poly hosts during the winter quarter has taken an even bigger hit from 107 employers on campus in 2007 to only 41 in 2009.

"Students are going to have to be much more organized and much more aggressive when they enter the job market now," Moore said. "Be prepared. Know everything about the company that you are interviewing for, everything."

For students searching for jobs, Moore recommends using Web sites like indeed.com, dice.com and idealist.org, where you will find more of the nonprofit opportunities. However, using the Mustang Jobs link on My Cal Poly Portal is probably the most efficient tactic because employers are specifically looking for Cal Poly students.

"Mustang Jobs is really useful, because jobs are searching for you," Moore explained. "Whereas, on other sites, you're searching for the job."

As far as dressing for an interview, applicants want to look professional and conservative. While professional and conservative are terms left to a variety of interpretations, Moore defined it as slacks and a button-down shirt.

According to Moore, the most important thing to establish right now is a strong networking base. Networking with teachers, students and previous employers is a good way to get notified of job openings and can often get applicants interviews because of someone's recommendation.

"I like to celebrate every little step," Moore said. "If a student gets an interview (or) if they get a second interview, those are things to be proud of, because they are steps that lead to getting a job."

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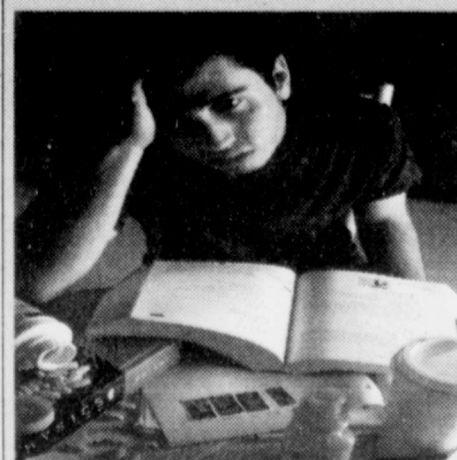
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Review: Dazzling Palm software beats the iPhone



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The Palm Pre is shown at Palm headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Peter Svensson
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Move over, iPhone. You've had two years on top of the smart phone world. Now there's a touch-screen phone with better software: the Palm Pre.

In a remarkable achievement, Palm Inc., a company that was something of a has-been, has come up with a phone operating system that is more powerful, elegant and user-friendly. The Pre, which went on sale Saturday for \$200 (after a mail-in rebate) at Sprint stores, makes it easier to do more things on the go.

With webOS, Palm's new operating system, you can keep multiple applications open at once. They're organized like a row of cards that stretches off the screen, and you flick the screen to switch between them. For instance, if you need to quickly check your calendar while writing an e-mail, you can bring up the calendar application, then flick back to e-mail, then keep switching between them as you try to work out your schedule.

On Apple Inc.'s iPhone, you can run only one application at a time. To switch between calendar and e-mail, you have to go back to the main menu every time.

Also unlike the iPhone, webOS will notify you of events that need your attention, no matter which application you're in. Notification icons for e-mails, calls and over events appear at the bottom of the screen. If you tap on the e-mail notice, for instance, the message pops up.

So webOS makes the iPhone look clunky, which is stunning in itself. It also thoroughly shows up Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Mobile. That operating system has had multitasking for years, but few users have appreciated that. Rather, Windows Mobile has been blamed for making phones clumsy and slow. Now, webOS comes along and does multitasking right.

Also very cool is that webOS aggregates contacts and calendar items from multiple sources, like Google, corporate Exchange servers, and even Facebook. You know how lots of phones have space for a photo for each contact? The Pre automatically pulls your friends' Facebook photos into your contacts list.

As far as the hardware goes, the Pre is well put together, but not exceptional. It's slightly smaller and chubbier than an iPhone, with softly rounded corners that make it look like a black bar of soap.

The screen diagonal is 3.1 inches,

noticeably smaller than the iPhone's 3.5 inches. Less screen space means it's harder to hit the right area with your finger, but the Pre makes up for this a bit by making the surface just below the screen touch-sensitive. For instance, to go back one level in a program, you swipe from right to left in this area.

A keyboard slides out from underneath the screen. It isn't the best I've seen on a phone, but it does the job, and you'll find it much easier to use than the iPhone's on-screen keyboard.

When I first got the Pre, I was dismayed by its battery life. I got less than 24 hours of light use out of it, and it would lose nearly a third of its charge if left inactive overnight. It turns out there's a bug that drains the battery if your Google instant-messaging account is connected to your AOL Instant Messenger account. Palm says it will fix

that. When I logged Google out of AIM, I got much longer life.

I extended battery life even further by setting the Pre to receive my personal e-mail instantly rather than checking every 15 minutes. That's counterintuitive — usually getting the e-mail automatically “pushed” to a device consumes more power.

I ended up with nearly two days of battery life, which I think is acceptable for a hardworking smart phone. But it would be great if Palm made it easier to manage power consumption.

That said, charging the Pre is almost half the fun, if you splurge on a \$70 “Touchstone.” You place the Pre on this small charging station, and it uses magic to radiate power through the phone's back. (The scientifically minded can replace “magic” with “electromagnetic induction.”) It's a lot cooler than connecting a cable or a sliding the device into a dock, but it's only marginally easier to use than a cable, so consider this a luxury purchase.

The Pre's camera captures 3-megapixel images. That's not an amazing resolution, but I prefer the Pre's camera over the 8-megapixel one in the Sony Ericsson C905, and every other phone camera I've tried.

Why? Because other phone cameras have a big failing: It takes too long for them to take a picture after you've pressed the shutter button. They're impossible to use for action shots, or for capturing fleeting expressions.

The Pre's camera has very little shutter lag. It's not as good as a single-

lens reflex camera, or SLR, but it's better than a lot of digital point-and-shoots.

The Pre also has the now-standard array of smart phone features: Wi-Fi, Global Positioning System and an online store for applications. The Web browser is very fast, given a fast data connection. You can zoom in and out on Web pages by pinching and spreading with two fingers, just as on the iPhone. The Pre has 8 gigabytes of built-in storage, same as the cheaper iPhone model.

Uniquely for a non-Apple device, the Pre pretends it's an iPod when you connect it to a Macintosh or Windows PC with iTunes, so you can easily transfer your music library and photos to it. It won't play movies or TV shows bought from the iTunes Store, nor will it play songs that were purchased with usage restrictions.

So should you get a Pre? Despite the fantastic software, this isn't a slam dunk decision.

We don't know how software developers will take to the Pre. There are a lot of different smart phone systems clamoring for their attention, and webOS may not be able to replicate the success of the iPhone App Store when it comes to providing a wide range of useful applications. There are only about 20 apps available at launch.

We also don't know what else Palm has up its sleeve. Sprint Nextel Corp. doesn't have the same lock on the Pre as AT&T Inc. does on the iPhone, so we may see the Pre with other carriers early next year.

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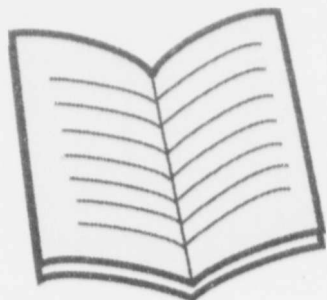
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Library clash could put George W. Bush under oath

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A Texan is trying to put a former president under oath and find out what he knew and when he knew it. But the issue isn't national security, political skullduggery or a sex scandal.

It's a property dispute involving George W. Bush's presidential library at Southern Methodist University.



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Gary Vodicka stands where his condo once was and talks about the old neighborhood at the future site of the George W. Bush presidential library in Dallas, Friday.

Gary Vodicka, who was forced out of his condominium by SMU to make way for the project, contends the university coveted the property as the future site of the library even before Bush ran for the White House, and lied about its intentions.

On April 17, a Texas district judge ordered the former president to appear at a deposition to answer Vodicka's questions about the library's planning stages.

"I was humbled by the ruling," said Vodicka, 49, a lawyer who is representing himself in the case against SMU. "No one person is supposed to

be above the law. And Bush is trying to act like he is."

The order has been stayed pending an appeal, but if it stands, it could be historic: No sitting or former president ever has been forced to testify in a state court proceeding, according to John Martin, one of Bush's attorneys.

Martin and an SMU attorney expressed confidence that the order would be overturned, saying the former president has no information of value to offer in the dispute.

"I think his deposition is irrelevant."

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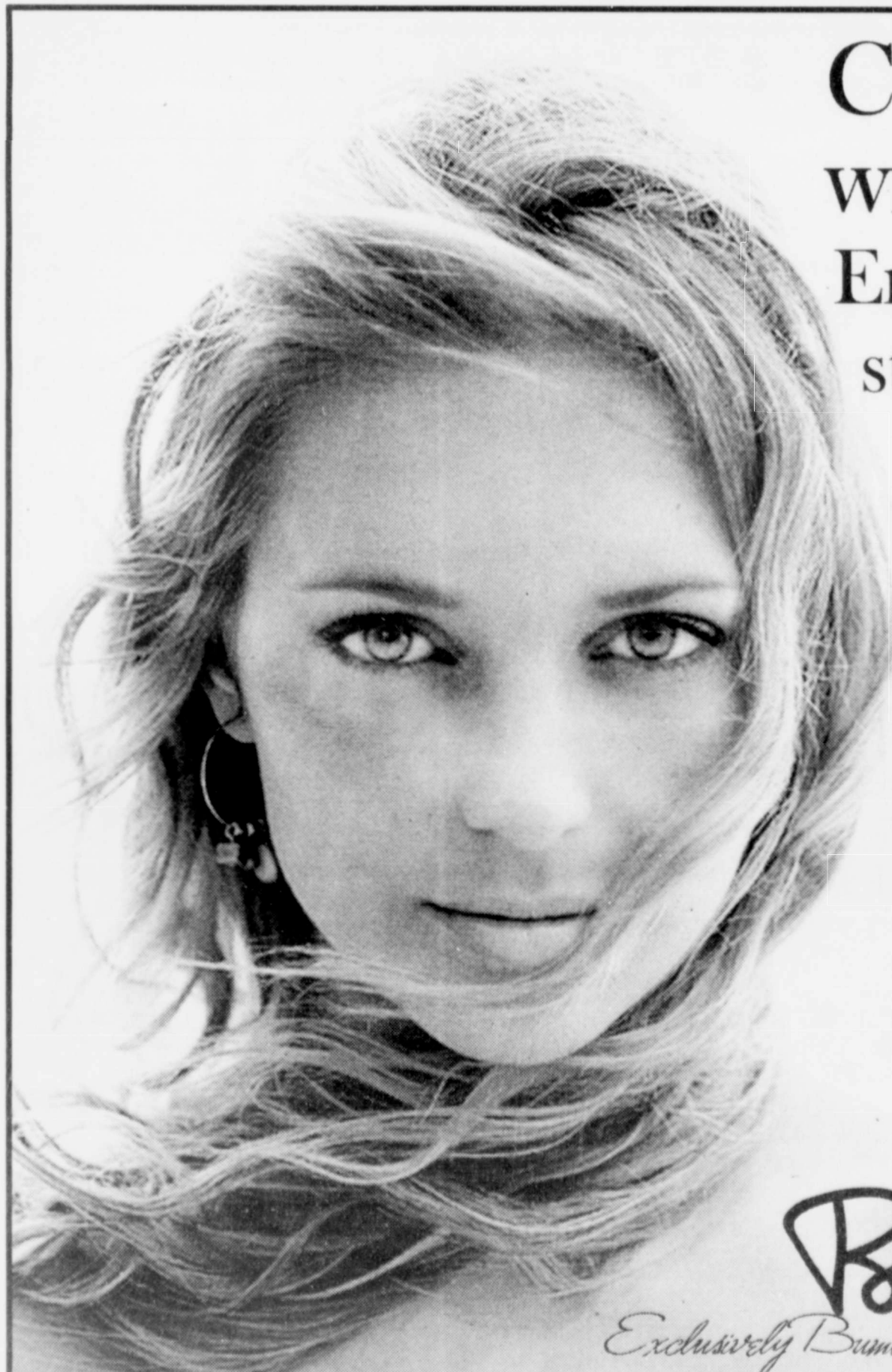
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Woman is 7th generation graduate of West Point



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Caroline Miller, who will graduate from the United States Military Academy on Saturday, and her father Jerry Miller, a 1973 graduate of the academy, pose in West Point, N.Y.

Michael Hill
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Caroline Miller, a saber in her white-gloved hand, leads cadets of Company D with crisp commands. "Ready ... eyes right!" As hundreds of West Point cadets march across the sprawling green grass for review, she is in lockstep.

She also is following in the footsteps of family members who have marched just like this for seven generations, forming a long gray bloodline, longer than any still existing at West Point.

Miller's ancestors have fought in the Civil War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. They have served since her great-great-great-great grandfather graduated when Andrew Jackson was president 173 years ago. Her father graduated here. Her sister too.

Now it's her turn. On Saturday, the 22-year-old will be among the more than 950 cadets commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, forming another link in an unbroken family chain of West Point graduates.

"I consider it more of a privilege than a burden," Miller said. "I'm walking where my great-grandfathers have walked and I'm having the same opportunity that they had, to see what they saw, to do what they used to do. I'm part of an incredible tradition."

West Point holds on hard to its 207 years of history. Looming over the west shore of the Hudson River like a stone fortress, cadets here wear gray uniforms that have barely changed over generations. Statues of world-changing graduates like Dwight Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur stand watch over cadets heading to class.

That history is more personal for Miller. She had to run the same lung-

searing indoor obstacle course her father endured. She has internalized the same honor code drummed into her great-grandfather. She has sat in the same Gothic mess hall here (think Hogwarts, but as a military school) wondering where her ancestors sat.

Such "dynasties" are not unusual at West Point. What sets the Millers apart is a direct line stretching across seven generations to Israel Carle Woodruff. An 1836 graduate, he was a topographical engineer who helped defend Washington, D.C., against Confederate forces during the Civil War.

Maybe the busiest of the bunch was great grandfather Fay Prickett, a 1916 graduate who served in World Wars I and II, chased Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa and ran a war crimes tribunal at Dachau.

Her father, Jerry Miller, graduated in 1973 and raised four daughters with his wife, Clare. The line survives today because the academy began accepting women in 1976. When Jerry and Clare Miller dropped off their eldest daughter, Kate, at the academy in 1994, Caroline was inspired. The 7-year-old girl saw the cadets marching and fell in love with the place.

Jerry Miller recalls that when Caroline was about 9, she asked what it was like to be chewed out at Beast Barracks, the six-week summer shake-down all incoming cadets go through. It's called hazing, he said, and you really have to experience it to understand it.

"She said 'OK, haze me back to my room.' So I did," he said. "I hazed her all the way down to her room and she looked at me with these big eyes like, 'Good grief, I never heard my father talk like that!' We got to her room and I said 'Well, what do you think?' And she said, 'That was kind of neat!'"

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-nt and an effort to make this case more important than it is," said Mark Lanier, the attorney for SMU.

The lawsuit centers on SMU's acquisition of University Gardens, a run-down, 40-year-old condominium complex across the street from the university.

SMU decided at the end of 1998 to begin buying up the approximately 350 units. Through a realty company called Peruna — the name of the college's mascot — SMU bought enough units to gain a majority of seats on the board of the homeowners association. It filled those seats with SMU employees and others affiliated with the university who did not own units or live at the complex.

The school eventually bought out all but two condo owners: Vodicka, who has four units, and another man with a single unit. About \$800,000 from SMU is sitting in an escrow account for the two men to split if they want it, the SMU attorney said.

Citing problems with asbestos, the roof, mold and sewer lines, the school

bulldozed the condos in 2006. Later that year, it became apparent SMU would be the site of Bush's library. The land upon which the condos once sat will be part of the library grounds.

Both sides agree on that much. They disagree on whether the school lied about its intentions and breached its legal duty to the other condo owners by letting the place fall into disrepair so that it could be torn down.

Vodicka alleges SMU officials began angling for the presidential library as far back as 1998, when Bush was governor of Texas and had not announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination. He says the school acquired the condo property with the library project in mind.

"Bush floated the idea amongst his family, his close friends, his supporters, for probably a year before he made the announcement," Vodicka said. "So, yes. They knew."

Lanier scoffed at the accusation and the accuser, saying that Vodicka, "bless his heart, is a man of many suits." Vodicka, an SMU law school graduate who would not disclose his

political affiliation, has been a party to more than a dozen lawsuits in Dallas County alone.

"It's not some big conspiracy," Lanier said. "There was no crystal ball-gazing that Bush would be elected and ultimately after eight years would give his library to SMU and we would need that property. That was not a consideration."

In his order, Judge Martin J. Hoffman said the former president "clearly has relevant and material information about the central issues of this case. He was involved in critical discussion about the presidential library at a time when SMU was purchasing units at University Gardens."

But the judge rejected Vodicka's effort to compel Bush's wife, Laura, to testify as well.

There have been several instances in which a sitting or former president testified in a court proceeding, civil or criminal. President Thomas Jefferson gave a deposition in the treason trial of Aaron Burr, and Bill Clinton did the same in the criminal case against Whitewater defendant Jim McDougal. But Bush's attorney said all of those cases were in federal court.

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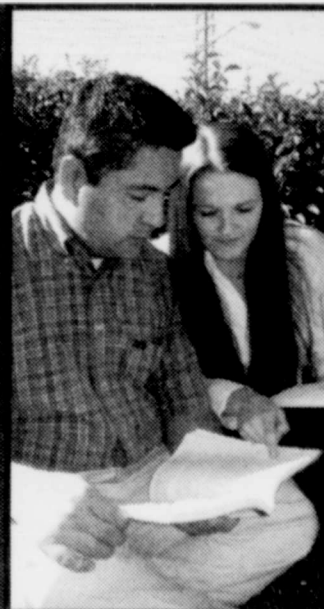
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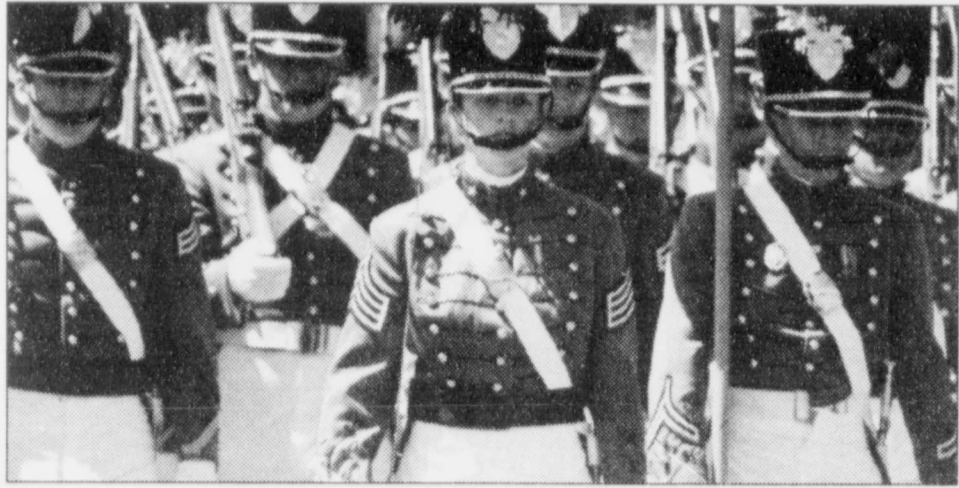
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"I knew then she had the right mindset to do something like this."

The Millers say they never pressured their daughters to go to West Point, only to serve their country in some capacity. Kate is now in the California Air National Guard, another daughter is a social worker and the youngest is studying to be an elementary school teacher.

Her father and sister offered Caroline been-there, done-that tips. And Caroline's parents moved from Colorado to just outside the academy's gates.

But West Point is ultimately a merciless meritocracy — ancestors cannot help carry a pack in the blazing heat or master trigonometry. Caroline, who studied engineering, did well enough to serve as a company commander and as a co-captain



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Caroline Miller, center, marches on the parade ground.

of the women's soccer team.

After receiving her Army commission, she will take a break to get married. (He's a West Point graduate, naturally.) She then will train state-side before receiving an assignment.

She said she is prepared for a likely deployment to Afghanistan or Iraq. After that, she might want to pursue legal training in the military

or maybe come back to West Point to teach. But she says she won't force her children to become the eighth generation at West Point.

"Encourage them, yes. Force them, no," she said. "I think West Point is something you need to do for yourself. You can't do it for your parents or the expectations of others."

Empty condos provide college's new dormspace



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Concrete masons Nelson Rego, of Fall River, right, and Joe Rego, of Hudson, Mass., left, no relation, install reinforcement bar in preparation for decorative construction in front of the Capitol Cove condominium project, in Providence, R.I., Thursday.

Eric Tucker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

River views, granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, 9-foot ceilings. This is student housing?

When classes start this fall — if all goes as planned — more than 300 students at Johnson & Wales University will be living in Capitol Cove, an upscale condominium project that had been languishing on the market for more than six months.

"It's a great Band-Aid," said Irving Schneider, president of Johnson & Wales's Providence campus, which just signed a three-year lease for the Capitol Cove development. "This arrangement was good for the developer as well as Johnson & Wales."

Some universities around the country have found a silver lining to the real estate recession that has left condominium developers in the

lurch. For less time and money than it would take to build a residence hall, universities in places like New York City and Ohio are buying or leasing entire condo projects. And they are also eyeing vacant lots once targeted for high-end condos for use as retail and parking.

"This is a bonanza of an opportunity ... for universities to acquire the space they desperately need," said Dan Fasulo, managing director of Real Capital Analytics.

For developers, such deals save their projects from being total wash-outs. The arrangements offer builders an exit strategy from flagging projects, allowing them to unload dozens of unsold units to a single buyer rather than piecemeal.

"They can't sell them, they can't mothball them, they can't bulldoze them," said Jack McCabe, a Florida-based real estate analyst. "Developers right now are looking for every way not to lose their projects into foreclosure."

Sales of condos in April were down 9 percent from year-ago level.

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els and are off 46 percent from the frenzied peak in June 2005, the National Association of Realtors said this week. At the current, sluggish sales pace there is more than a year's supply of units on the market.

Developer Robert Roth has built only one of five buildings planned for Capitol Cove's 5-acre site that bridges downtown Providence with the city's residential East Side.

He began marketing the condos last fall for between \$350,000 and \$550,000, but got only four reservations and no sales.

Students at Johnson & Wales University will pay yearly rents of \$10,383 for one-bedroom apartments and \$9,249 to share a two-bedroom unit — comparable prices to on-campus dorms.

"We want the students to treat it more as if it was their home than just a dorm room," said Jamie Stone, 21, a Johnson & Wales student who will be a resident assistant at the building.

Roth wouldn't disclose the terms of the lease with Johnson & Wales except to say that it would help re-



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When classes start at Johnson & Wales University in the fall of 2009, if all goes as planned, some 300 students at the school will be living at the upscale condominium project.

finance the construction loans but would not come close to recouping the \$30 million already invested by him and his bank in the project.

"For us, the big hit is that we're

not receiving any real equity back from the project," Roth said. "It's not putting any money into anyone's pocket."

In New York, Columbia Univer-

sity last year paid \$67.6 million for a residence hall for graduate students and staff in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx after a planned condo development called the Arbor couldn't sell out.

In Ohio, Capital University bought a 30-unit building for \$4 million in suburban Columbus that had been marketed as 55-and-older housing but is now reserved for about 60 upperclassmen in good academic standing.

"To build a facility of this quality for a university, there's no way we could have done that for that purchase price," said Nichole Johnson, a Capital University spokeswoman.

She said the deal made financial sense: The cost per bed at the

new building was \$65, compared to a \$93-per-bed cost at a dorm that opened in January 2006.

Still, the transactions are raising eyebrows among city leaders who say they were told to expect luxury condos — not students.

Members of the Providence City Council question whether Capitol Cove violated its tax-stabilization treaty with the city by using the building as a dormitory, though Roth said he doesn't expect the deal with Johnson & Wales to be scuttled.

And New York Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, whose district includes Riverdale, likened the sale of the Arbor building to Columbia to a "bait-and-switch."

Construction

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This enormous project will provide 185,800 square feet of space for lectures, laboratories and faculty offices. All equipment will be updated to fit modern industry trends.

The large amount of construction occurring this summer may seem overwhelming, but it is necessary for the projects to start soon.

"These projects are dependent on budget timing and on necessity required by the student body," Uytewaal said.

At times, construction will impede routes of transportation around campus. According to Uytewaal, South Perimeter Rd. will be closed to traffic as of Sept. 1, 2009. Bus routes will

undergo changes starting in summer. Bus stops in front of the UU and Mott Gym will be closed on June 15. During the summer, students will be asked to catch the bus either at the Performing Arts Center or in front of the Graphic Arts building.

New bus stops will be created over summer as well. One will be located on Grand Ave. near the Perimeter Rd. intersection and another in front of Kennedy Library. The bus stop normally in front of the UU will be moved about 100 yards down the road and placed in front of The Avenue.

While campus projects are getting amped up this summer, Uytewaal contends that a similar degree of construction has occurred in past years.

"Construction has been ongoing

on the campus for the last 10 years with the construction of the new engineering buildings, the sports fields, the housing administration building, both housing projects (Cerro Vista and Poly Canon Village) and the student population has been very responsive, understanding and adaptable to these great enhancements."

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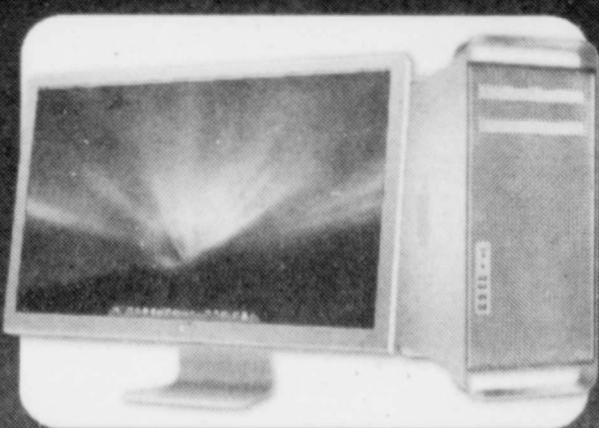
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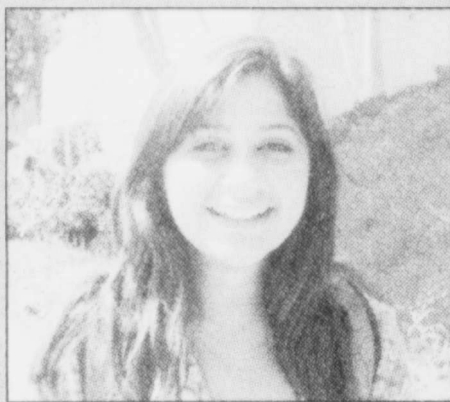
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-Golnaz Ghomeshi,
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"Love your friends, die laughing."

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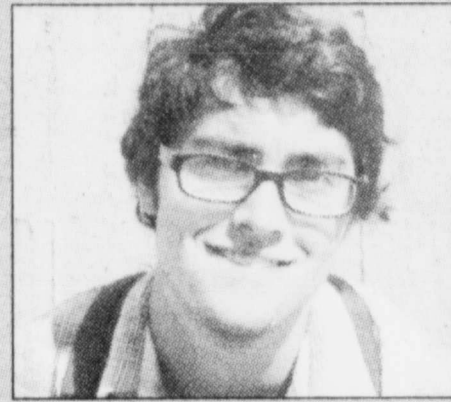
"Time management and organization is extremely important. I've definitely learned that things don't work out well when you procrastinate."

-Ashlee Chan,
music sophomore



"Part of time management is taking time to enjoy yourself so you're not too stressed out."

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"I've learned to keep an open mind and always be willing to meet new people."

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"I think that the time that I have spent here at Cal Poly has taught me to be my own advocate. The 'learn by doing' philosophy really carries through in the entire student experience."

-Chris Bono,
journalism senior



"I've learned the importance of being organized. If you're not, you will forget about what needs to get done and your grades could drop."

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Caps off to the grads

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MUSTANG DAILY

I am about to officially become a college graduate but as I walked in to the Mustang Daily newsroom this morning I found out that there was still one last thing that I had to learn. Yes my fellow seniors, I did not know that the hideous yet prestigious flat hat that dons the domes of recent college grads as they accept their diplomas, along with their fate in the ill-suited economy, is called a mortarboard.

This makes sense because the thing is basically cardboard and fabric, but it doesn't have to be according to my more crafty friends.

The decorating of the mortarboard may not be the most traditional of graduation events but it sure seems to be gaining popularity; it is a great way to stand out in a sea of black. It also makes it easier to identify after being tossed into the air.

Like I mentioned prior, I am not crafty but I like to think that I am

clever. So here are some decorative cap suggestions.

Pay a tribute:

If your parents will be sweating in the sun to watch you strut across the stage why not give them a subtle shout out via your hat. A simple "Hi mom" or "I love you dad" or "I heart my Grandma" will do.

I had a friend last year, who decided to pay homage to her education degree and teaching ambitions by decorating her hat with an apple and an A+.

Get sandy or look to nature for inspiration:

My buddies, some of whom surf, some who don't, decided to look to the shores for inspiration. They seem to have seashells and sand dollars on the brain. I am thinking that will purchase a fake monarch butterfly or two from Beverly's downtown and strategically hot glue them to mine.

It's all about the glitz and glam; summon your inner third grader

and bedazzle that black flat abyss. Enough said.

Be practical; you never know who might be watching in the audience, or better yet who might be hiring. Put your résumé on your hat or just a big bold, "hire me." Hey, you're in the real world now, no time like the present to start networking. Or if you have a job, show your gratitude by putting the logo on the cap.

Demonstrate your passion or be patriotic:

studying abroad here? Love the U.S. of A? Show it by draping your hat in your country's flag. Ride horses? Love baseball? Run triathlons? Find a way to incorporate your hobby of choice on your cap.

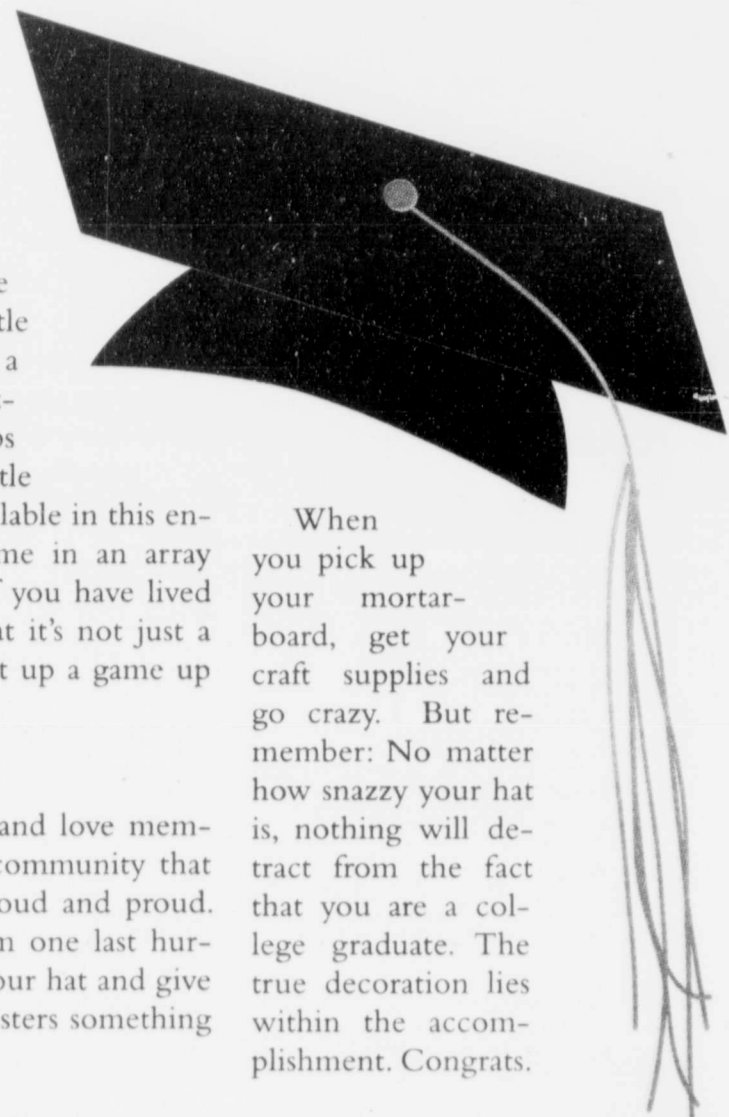
Take a tip from the fridge: no magnets needed, attach pictures of you and your friends on top of your hat or get crazy and make a mobile out of it. Friends often equal family in college and the memories you have made with your buddies are bound to last longer than what you

learned in math. Toast it; start the celebration a little bit early by getting a little tipsy and putting the bottle caps to good use. Bottle caps are readily available in this environment and come in an array of colors. Beirut, if you have lived here you know that it's not just a city in Lebanon, set up a game up top. Cheers.

Go greek:

Yeah we know and love members of the greek community that wear their letters loud and proud. Why not give them one last hurrah, put them on your hat and give your brothers and sisters something to cheer about?

When you pick up your mortarboard, get your craft supplies and go crazy. But remember: No matter how snazzy your hat is, nothing will detract from the fact that you are a college graduate. The true decoration lies within the accomplishment. Congrats.



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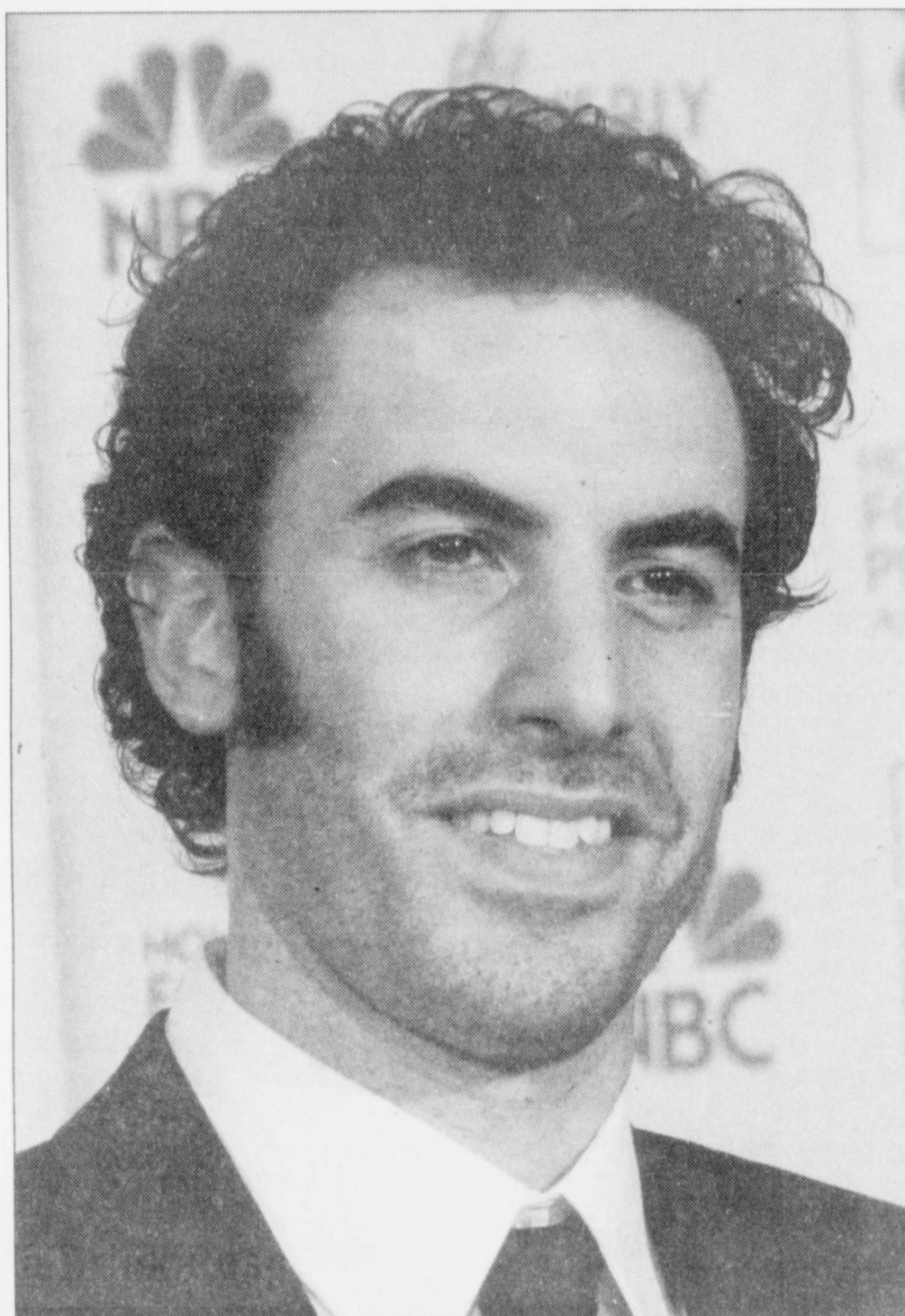
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Woman sues comedian over 'Bruno' skirmish

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LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — Sacha Baron Cohen's new movie is already getting the same sort of buzz and legal backlash that came with his last hit. This time, though, a woman is alleging injuries far beyond just a bruised ego or reputation.

Richelle Olson sued the 37-year-old actor-comedian and NBC Universal on May 22, claiming an incident at a charity bingo tournament that was filmed for the upcoming "Bruno" left her disabled.

Olson claims she was severely injured after struggling with Baron Cohen and his film crew at the event in Palmdale, Calif., two years ago. The lawsuit states she now needs a wheelchair or cane to move around.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages of more than \$25,000.

Phone and e-mail messages left with publicists for Baron Cohen and NBC Universal weren't returned Wednesday.

His 2006 film "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" produced numerous lawsuits by people claiming they

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were duped and humiliated by his antics. A New York judge last year threw out claims by a driving instructor and two etiquette teachers after determining they signed agreements releasing filmmakers from liability.

It was unclear whether the incident involving Olson will appear in "Bruno." The lawsuit mentions contracts that Olson apparently signed, but claim they were entered under "duress" and included several misrepresentations.

"Borat" was a surprise box-office hit, earning more than \$125 million in the United States.

In "Bruno," scheduled for release July 10, Baron Cohen plays a flamboyantly gay Austrian fashionista. Much like in "Borat," Baron Cohen's humor depends on cajoling people to let him into events and he then tapes their reactions to his outlandish behavior.

The character is already making a splash — a sketch during Sunday's MTV Video Music awards had Bruno dropping onto Eminem with his crotch placed in the rapper's face. It became the show's most talked-about moment.

Olson's lawsuit contends Baron Cohen has 30 sham companies that help him pull off his ruses and that is how the comedian and his camera crew gained entry into the Desert Valley Charities' bingo tournament in May 2007.

Baron Cohen was invited to the event because his handlers identified him as a "celebrity" who was filming a documentary on bingo, the suit states. The event was to raise money for nursing students.

According to the lawsuit, Baron Cohen — in character as Bruno — started using vulgarities while calling the second bingo game in front of a mostly elderly audience.

A struggle ensued after Olson tried to grab the microphone away from Baron Cohen. She claims he then called his camera crew over, who attacked her for at least a minute, hoping to "create a dramatic emotional response."

Olson's suit states she ran from the stage and was found moments later by a co-worker, sobbing uncontrollably. She then fell to the floor, hitting her head on a concrete slab.

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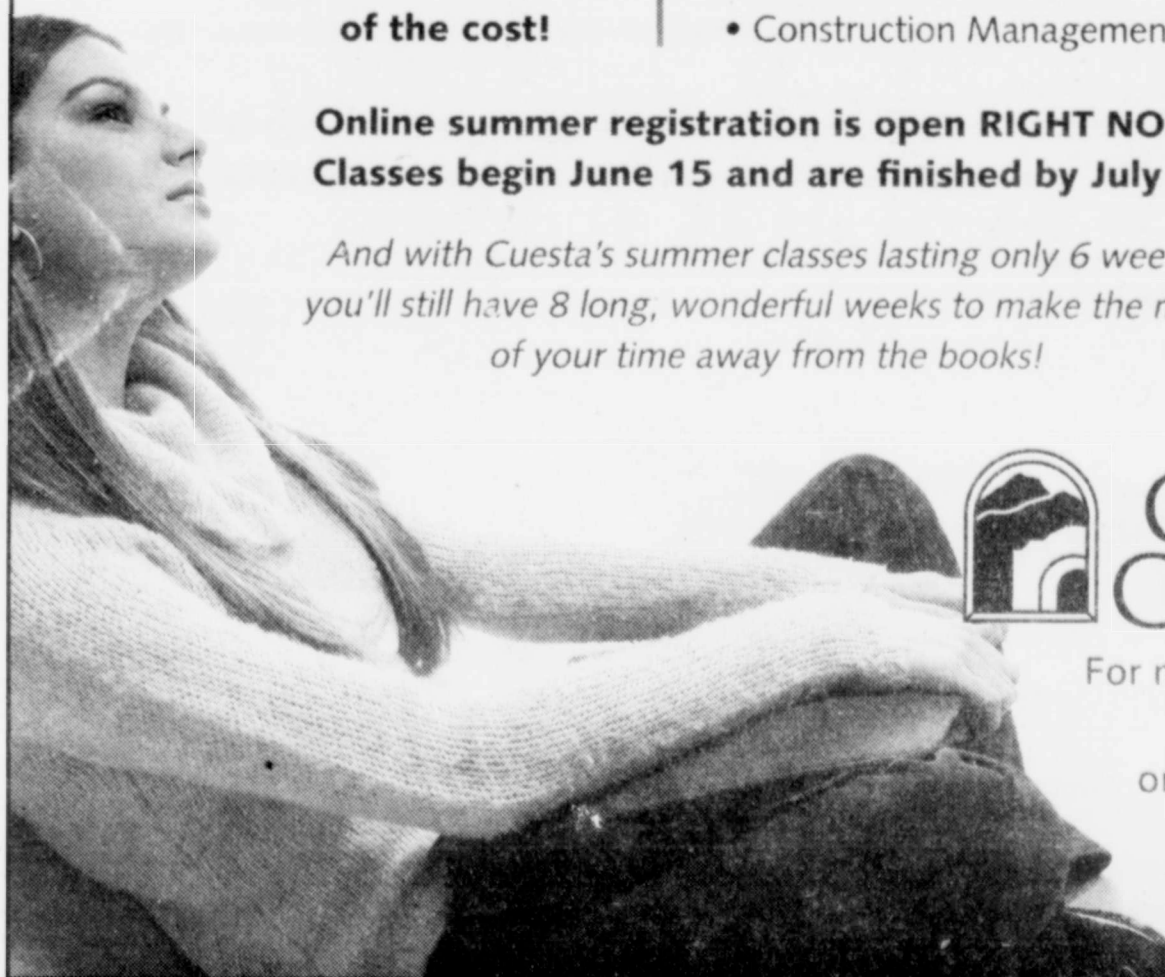
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Cal Poly Corp. records should be transparent

In Response to "Bill could force Poly Corp. to release records":

Let's face it. Bonnie Murphy does not care about me. She does not care about you. She also does not care about the thousands of students on this campus, their financial need, or their academic requirements. Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation, cares about her paycheck.

As a student here for a long time, I have developed a certain taste and an "understanding," if you will, for the entities that run Cal Poly. Don't get me wrong, I love this school and I think it is probably one of the better managed public schools anywhere, but I am constantly shocked by the little "corporations" and "foundations" that seem to sneak into the beautiful concept of affordable public education. These actually not-so-little auxiliary organizations at Cal Poly have always made me wonder a little bit about what kind of place I go to school and what is really going on behind (besides incorrect balance sheets) the tinted doors of Starr Lee, Cal Poly Corporation's legal counsel's, office building. These people and these organizations find it very easy to prey off the flow of student money in education. What really gets to me is that this all happens in broad daylight with a smile, a pat on the back, and assurances that this is an investment in your future and that you can make that money back later.

Let's take Campus Dining as an example. I don't think anybody is under the impression that the food is good. And yet, impossibly, the Corporation entices new students here by publishing statements about their food like "gourmet" and "affordable," all while claiming that forcing freshmen students to buy exorbitantly priced meal plans somehow "allows more time to focus on studying, exploring personal interests, and engaging in community activities (Campus Dining Web site)." They don't mention anything in there about exploring explosive diarrhea and I'm pretty sure I could eat a steak every night off campus for those ridiculous plan prices. (The real winner is that you're not even done being ripped off yet, they then proceed

to charge two of the Plus Dollars they forced you to buy for a yogurt, which is greater than 200 percent of the retail price.)

And they do all this without paying taxes. Unbelievable.

A second example is the house of theft on the hill. I'm talking about Sage Restaurant. Has anyone else noticed that they've repainted that place three times? Is it because Bonnie Murphy didn't like the color? Has anyone noticed that the menu prices there are preposterously high for serving sizes so miniscule that students simply cannot afford to eat there? (\$12 for two tacos a la carte.)

How do we know that these changes weren't in fact exacted at eliminating clientele, because the place is subsidized by taxpayer dollars and Tom Welton, director of Campus Dining, would rather work less hours?

If Bonnie Murphy is so interested in helping students and proving that she's out here for something other than her own needs, then why in world does she need to hide the Cal Poly Corporation's balance sheet? She didn't make a single argument

during her interview in the article "Bill could force Poly Corp. to release records" that made sense.

"We're just concerned about people dissecting what we're doing." Did she really say that? I'll bet you're concerned, Bonnie.

And Starr Lee's comment that he doesn't want to spend the "time and effort" to "(deal) with people who don't understand the complexities of business" is absurd and laughable — we have a College of Business here!

Institutions sheltered from taxes should be transparent. Period. Let's all work together to get rid of obscure auxiliary organizations and make this a better, more affordable and more transparent place to go to school. I want an education, not financial rape. Let's get rid of these scams that sit in broad daylight and let's encourage our Senators to sign Senate Bill 218. It's time for a little more honesty around here.

Darin Grandfield is a materials engineering graduate student and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Capitalists aren't society's humanitarians — society itself is

Over the last year, I have enjoyed reading Jeremy Hick's articles if for nothing other than an opposing viewpoint. But this week, I was intrigued by Jeremy Hick's article "Capitalists are society's true humanitarians." Given the increasing role humanitarian intervention has been playing in the international arena over the past few decades, and given the current financial crisis that has people reevaluating capitalism within the United States, the topic seemed especially timely and pertinent. The problem I found in reading the article was that Hicks did not extend his argument to its logical conclusion. Thus, I shall attempt to bear the burden of encapsulating the full extent of his argument.

Adam Smith himself noted that capitalism is akin to charity. Point taken. But to say that capitalists provide the factors of production that enable others to seek altruistic ideals is inadequate at best, for those who provide alms to the humanitarians are not just capitalists, but farmers, workers — even the unemployed whom capitalism seems to have left behind yet provide the necessary conditions for low inflation. Even Africa, which is most in need of aid, supported capitalism's rapid growth during its colonial internment and provided the raw materials that invigorated European economies. Consequently, it does not appear the capitalists who are the true humanitarians, but those most in need of humanitarian aid who are the true humanitarians. I guess I should cross off the Peace Corps as a post-graduate endeavor given the fact that the impoverished already have all the humanitarian tools at their disposal since they are in fact the true humanitarians.

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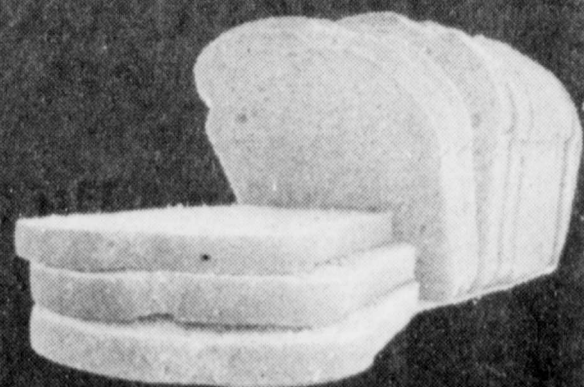


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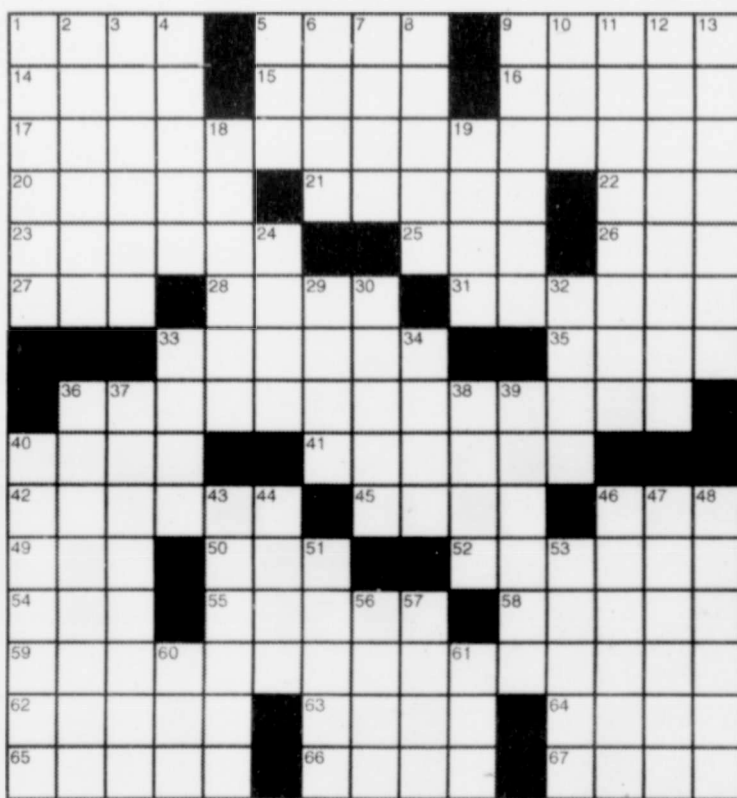
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- 1 In ___ land (daydreaming)
 - 5 Boeing products
 - 9 Path around the earth
 - 14 Greek vowels
 - 15 Elvis Presley's middle name
 - 16 Battery brand
 - 17 Succumbing to second thoughts
 - 20 Beatnik's "Got it!"
 - 21 "Salut!" in Scandinavia
 - 22 Concorde, in brief
 - 23 Performed prior to the main act
 - 25 What it takes to tango
 - 26 "That's all" wrote
 - 27 Neither's partner
 - 28 Billiard sticks
 - 31 One still in the game, in poker
 - 33 Submit, as homework
 - 35 Low digits
 - 36 Succumbing to second thoughts
 - 40 Mare's newborn
 - 41 Colbert (Comedy Central show audience)
 - 42 Blunders
 - 45 978-0060935443, for Roget's Thesaurus
 - 46 U.K. record label
 - 49 Genetic material
 - 50 Hunkey-dory
 - 52 Sailor
 - 54 ___ and downs
 - 55 How Santa dresses, mostly
 - 58 Anatomical passages
 - 59 Succumbing to second thoughts
 - 62 Start of the Spanish calendar
 - 63 Biblical captain for 40 days and 40 nights
 - 64 Golden (senior citizen)
 - 65 Two-door or four-door car
 - 66 Friend in war
 - 67 Unfreeze

Down

- 1 Veterans' group, informally
- 2 Returning to the previous speed, in music
- 3 Agitated state
- 4 Actor/brother Sean or Mackenzie
- 5 Dutch painter Steen
- 6 Energy units
- 7 Tick-___
- 8 High-hatter
- 9 Fewer than 100 shares
- 10 Fight adjudicator, for short
- 11 "Gesundheit!"
- 12 Arctic covering
- 13 Walks unsteadily
- 18 Drug used to treat poisoning
- 19 Statutes
- 24 Easy two-pointer in basketball
- 29 Genesis garden
- 30 Mount ___ where the Commandments were given to Moses
- 32 Loads
- 33 Largest city on the island of Hawaii
- 34 Tiny criticisms
- 36 Dixie bread
- 37 Pestered
- 38 Writing points
- 39 Entered
- 40 Old schoolmasters' sticks
- 43 Ruin, as one's parade
- 44 Any one of the Top 40
- 46 Come out
- 47 ___ Comics, home of Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four
- 48 Add with a caret, e.g.
- 51 Swedish coin
- 53 Starting group of athletes
- 56 Certain alkene
- 57 Order to the person holding the deck of cards
- 60 Author Levin
- 61 Not camera-ready?



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Homemade wedding cake topper adds a personal touch

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Weddings often are costly affairs, but with enough advance planning and a little homegrown ingenuity, you can make things instead of shelling out for them.

Wedding magazines and Web sites help, too.

"There's nothing you can't craft for your wedding," says Darcy Miller, editorial director of "Martha Stewart Weddings" magazine. Among other items, she mentions gifts, decorations, flowers and the

cake.

Ah, the cake.

The Knot Inc., which runs two wedding-related Web sites, surveyed the spending habits of 18,000 couples who got married last year, and found that on average couples spent more than \$500 on a profes-

sionally decorated cake. There are ways to limit that cost, Miller and other experts say.

For starters, craft your own cake topper, and end up as well with a keepsake.

A recent "Martha Stewart Weddings" favorite, for example, was clustering colorful, craft-store butterflies along one side of a fondant cake, Miller says. Another: Top the cake with a tea cup, either from grandmother's inherited china or from your own, registered china.

Another lively topper comes from "Real Simple Weddings," an annual guide published by "Real Simple" magazine: Deputy Editor Jaimee Zanzinger suggests placing tiny images of the bride and groom in elegant frames on top of the cake. She's also seen small cornhusk dolls adorn a cake's top, and notes that many of these crafty items can be commissioned.

Teri Bellman Garvin, 38, of Golden, Colo., ordered a simple fondant cake from a baker for her own April wedding, then personalized it herself with a mountain-biking theme. Instead of paying the baker nearly \$100 for chocolate-covered strawberries that were supposed to mimic boulders, she and her husband, John Garvin, substituted chocolate truffles from their local Whole Foods Market.

Garvin says the design represented the couple's passion for cycling on trails near their home and the force with which they fell in love. The cake had two trails running up either side and meeting at the top. It was crowned with two, iron-crafted figurines — hair-tousled caricatures flying off their bikes — that Garvin purchased from an online shop.

"That's how life is," Garvin says, explaining her cake. "You're fooling around on your own path and then crash! You meet someone who changes your life. Luckily, we weren't on our bikes falling head over heels when we met."

Both Miller and Zanzinger note that wedding cakes are getting smaller: Brides are straying from the traditional three tiers and supplementing cake with other des-

serts.

Cakes also are getting more colorful as brides shun the traditional white or ecru in favor of something more daring. Sugared flowers, which pop up the cost of a cake, are losing favor. And cupcakes or mini-cakes — one per seated table — are gaining in popularity.

"Couples today are wanting everything personalized in their wedding, especially something like the wedding cake," says Miller.

The following directions are for a dove topper — "a beautiful, classic topper that's something you'll hold on to," says Miller. For other ideas and crafting techniques, consult the new "Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts" (Crown Publishing Group).

Dove Topper
(adapted from *MarthaStewart.com*)

Supplies:

Small block of Styrofoam
Foam glue
Scrap of cardboard for spreading the glue
Two hanks of white seed beads
6 stems of cotton lily-of-the-valley
2 branches of silk maidenhair fern
Hot-glue gun
Hank of alabaster-colored seed beads
2 millinery doves

Assembly:

1. Carve the Styrofoam into the shape of a birdbath, trying to keep edges rounded and smooth.
2. Working from the base, spread the foam glue in a 1-inch band completely around the Styrofoam birdbath. Attach the strands of white beads by spiraling them around the birdbath. Continue adding the glue and coiling the beads up the sides and onto the top until you have a 1/4-inch-wide band on top.
3. Arrange the lily-of-the-valley and fern branches into two half-arches; insert their stems into the center of the Styrofoam birdbath and secure them, using the hot-glue gun.
4. Glue on the strands of alabaster beads to fill in the top of the birdbath, spiraling toward the center.
5. Hot-glue doves in place.

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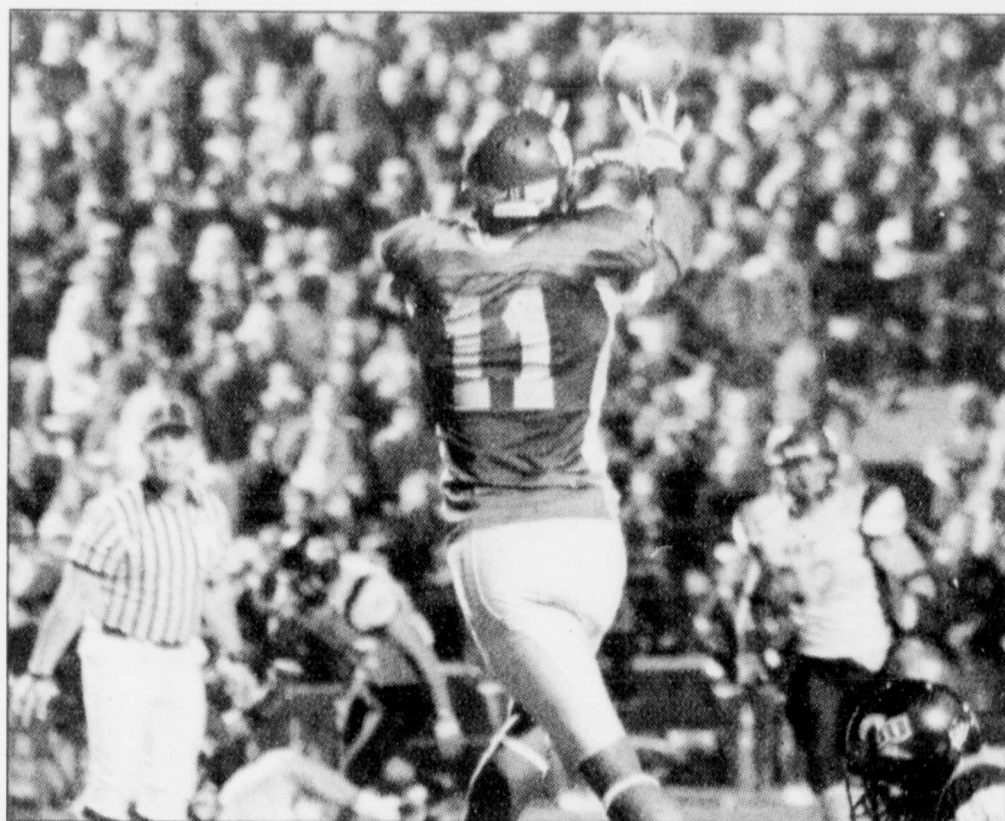
Scott Silvey
ON ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

When I started as an assistant sports editor last summer I didn't know what to expect from Cal Poly athletics over the course of the next year. Everyone knew the football team would be good, but I don't think anyone could ever really predict the breadth of successes that would sweep across the campus during the following 12 months.

Below is a look at some of Cal Poly's successes from my tenure as a sports editor at the Mustang Daily.

Ramses Barden breaking NCAA records

Former Cal Poly receiver Ramses Barden had a season for the ages last year. He caught 67



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Former Cal Poly receiver Ramses Barden, shown above, set numerous school and NCAA records during his senior season.

passes (second all-time at Cal Poly) for 1,257 yards (third) and 18 touchdowns (tying his own school record). He broke records held by legendary players like Jerry Rice and Randy Moss.

Yet what struck me most about Barden in the few times I spoke with him was his humbleness and his love of the game.

When asked about breaking Rice's record for consecutive games with a touchdown pass Barden simply said, "I don't even think about that now, I'm just glad it came in a win."

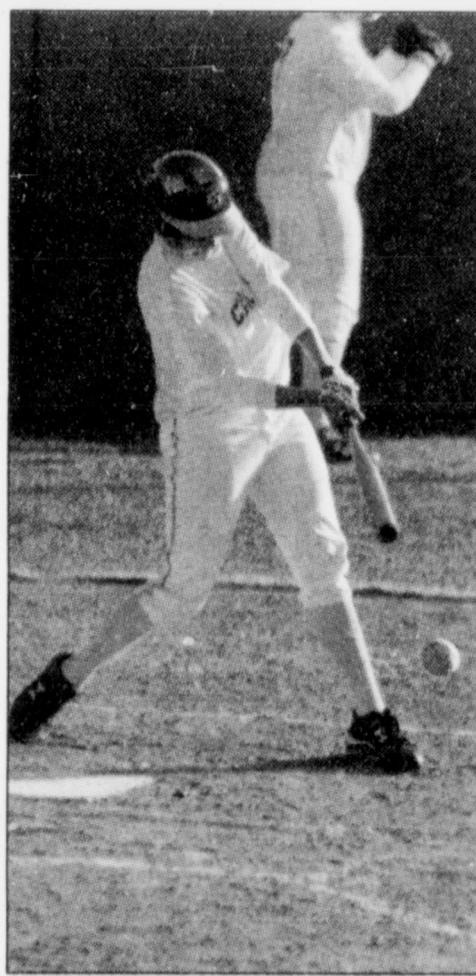
Barden was drafted in the third round by the New York Giants and is attempting to become a main target on a team that is suddenly without a legitimate No. 1 receiver.

Cal Poly softball team dominates Big West

The Cal Poly softball team was picked to finish third in both the media and coaches polls coming into a year in which they returned five all-conference selections. What

were the pollsters thinking?

While people looking at standings alone might have thought the Mustangs looked mediocre early in the season, they didn't realize that head coach Jenny Condon had loaded her team's schedule with several Top 25 teams. In fact, three of their first six games were against Top 10 opponents.



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Cal Poly senior Jenna Maiden, shown above, is one of five Mustangs who have finished their collegiate careers.

After playing such an aggressive non-conference schedule, Cal Poly was able to run roughshod through the Big West.

The Mustangs dropped their first two conference games before winning 18 of their last 19 contests to secure a second Big West championship and a berth into the Palo Alto Regional of the NCAA softball tournament.

Cal Poly would fall to Stanford in the regional championship, but the Mustangs were able to make a lot of progress in finishing with a 41-12 record.

Men's soccer advances in NCAA tournament

The Cal Poly soccer team has been taking gradual steps each season since head coach Paul Holocher arrived from UC Santa Cruz. The Mustangs have gone from a rebuilding program to a national threat in just three years.

That was never more evident than when Cal Poly defeated UCLA in the first round of the NCAA tournament earlier this year. While the victory marked the arrival of the Mustangs on the national soccer scene, many Central Coast fans were already well aware of the team's skill level.

A sellout crowd of 11,075 saw UC Santa Barbara defeat Cal Poly 1-0 in double-overtime, making it

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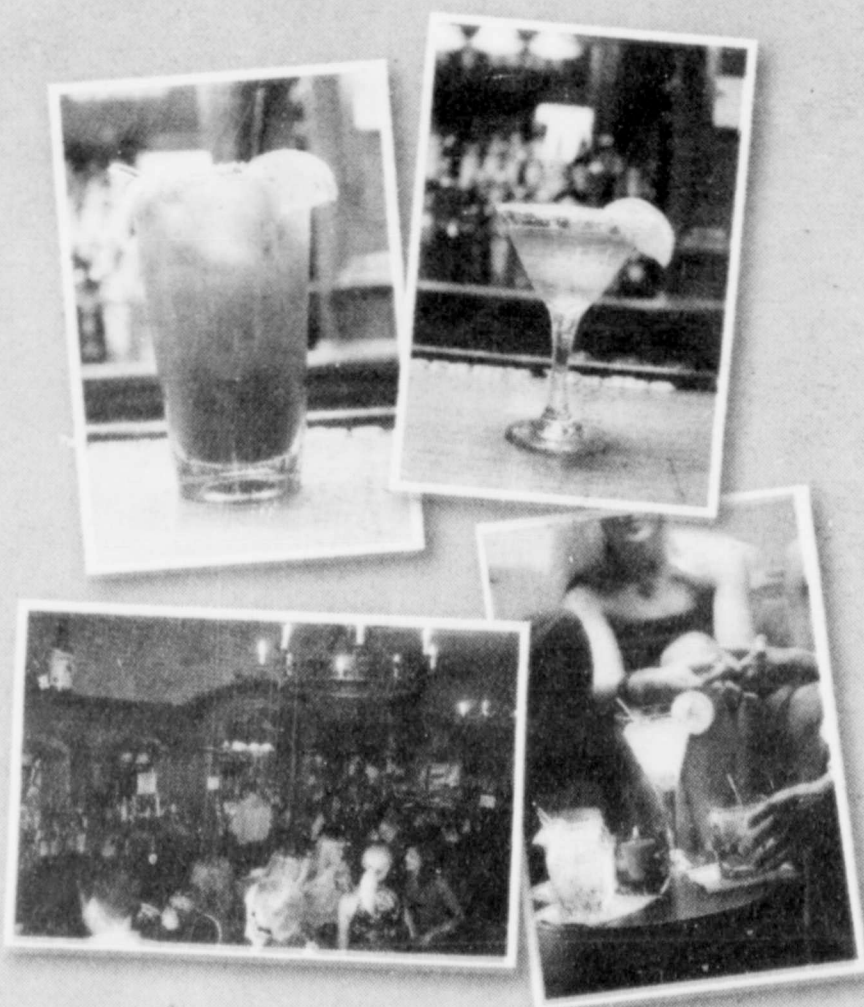
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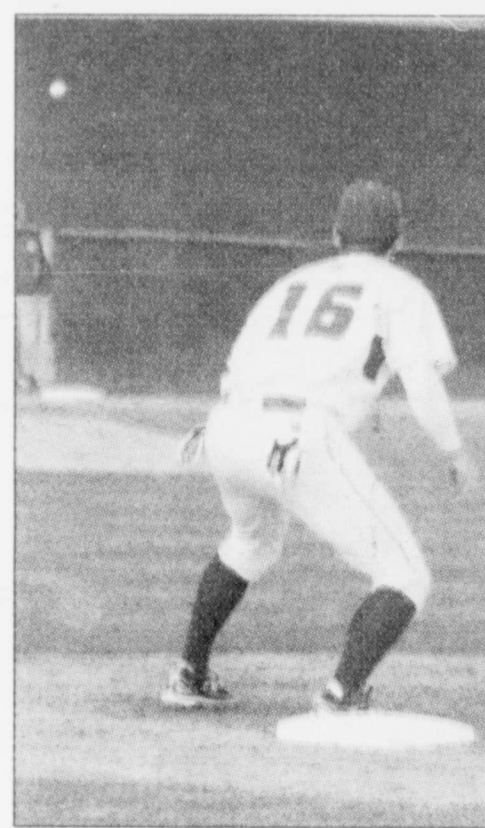
the third largest-attended regular season collegiate soccer match in history. That's quite a turnaround for a team that had gone just 7-20-3 in the Big West in the three years before Holocher joined the program.

Baseball team takes big step

Despite being knocked out of their first ever Division I postseason appearance in two games, Cal Poly took a huge step forward in making a regional for the first time.

Mustangs head coach Larry Lee said before the team left that it wouldn't matter how they did, only that they got there.

Let's face it, Cal Poly has been snubbed in the past in a number of sports. Breaking down the bar-



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
Cal Poly's Adam Buschini, shown above, hit .422, the highest Division I batting average in school history this season.

rier of getting into the postseason is the first step towards becoming a perennial contender.

The emergence of freshmen second baseman Matt Jensen, who Lee said he believed would eventually be a first round draft pick, and pitcher Mason Radeke, shows

that the Mustangs should remain at the forefront of the conference picture despite the Big West being one of the strongest leagues from top to bottom in the nation.

Women's basketball has huge turnaround

The Cal Poly women's basketball team hadn't had a winning record since 1991-92, when the Mustangs were a Division II program. But with two seniors in guard Lisa McBride and forward Megan Harrison and rising star Kristina Santiago leading the way, Cal Poly came within just minutes of reaching their first NCAA Tournament.

While perennial power UC Santa Barbara would ultimately overcome an early 15-point deficit to claim the Big West championship, Cal Poly erased the specter of several promising past seasons that had been marred by injury or suspension.

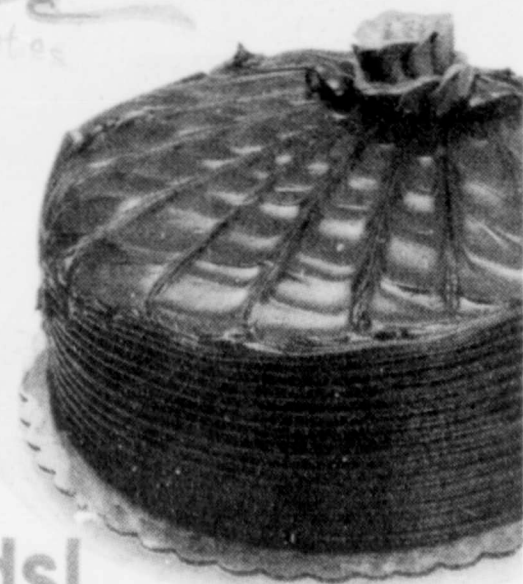
Although the McBride and Harrison have played their last games for Cal Poly, the team falls into the hands of Santiago, who head coach Faith Mimnaugh said she thought would vie for a conference player of the year award next season.



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Cal Poly said goodbye to senior guard Lisa McBride, left, and forward Megan Harrison, right, during the 2008-09 season.

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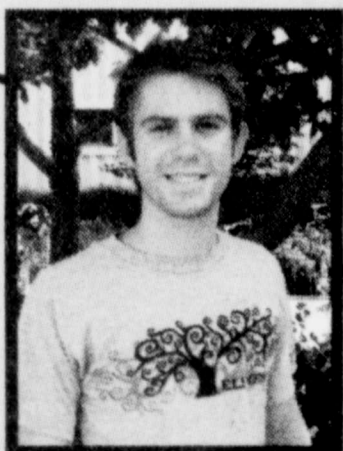
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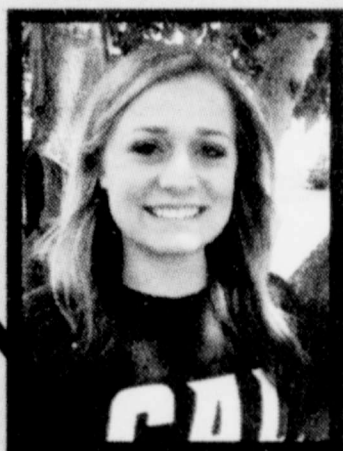
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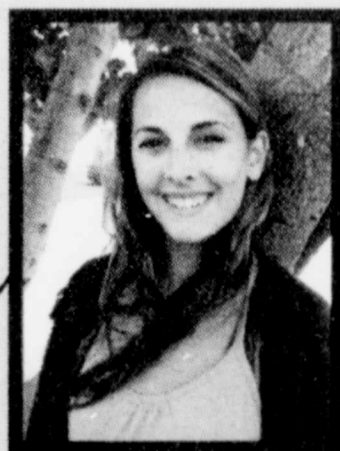
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